Statement

(i) Bangalore-Mysore Line (ii) Kangra Valley Railway (NR) (iii) Delhi-Ambala-Nangaldam with extension to Una and beyond upto Amb and Mukerian on the completion of the Railway Line (iv) Jalandhar-Pathankot-Jammu (with extension upto Udharnpur on completion of Railway Line, (v) Jalandhar-Hoshiarpur (vi) Rewari-Bhatinda (vii) Jalandhar-Ferozpur via Kapurthala (viii) Ludhiana-Ferozpur via Moga (ix) Ludhiana-Hissar (x) Kalka-Shimla (Narrow Gauge) (xi) Bhopal-Nizamuddin (MP-32) (xii) Howrah-Gaya (C-28) (xiii) Guwahati-Dibrugarh-Tinsukia

Examination of Receipts by Postal Superintendents

1718. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many senior Superintendents personally examined receipts etc. as envisaged in para 8, 9 and 10 of the Circular dated 27th February, 1991 in RMS Division in Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar Circles;

(b) whether it is a fact that mails received from Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and RMS Divisions in Uttar Pradesh, Contain dumped mails as received in RMS Divisions in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Kerala Postal Circles; and

(c) if so, what action has since been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) All Senior Superintendents of RMS in Maharashtra, U.P. and Bihar Circles have personally examined receipts etc. as envisaged in the Circular cited and other instructions of the Department. In the event of receipt of reports of dumping of mails against a particular set, the matter is taken up with the concerned Circle office/ Regional office for strengthening supervision.

(b) and (c) There is, no instance of persistent dumping by the Circles like Delhi, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. However, certain lapses take place for which corrective measures are taken. Whenever such lapses are reported, concerned officers are alerted to strengthen supervision and monitoring.

Illegible Postal Stamps

1719. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Postal Marks are legible and in cases where they are illegible what remedial action is taken to get legible Postal Marks;

(b) whether it is a fact that in large number of letters and Post Cards (40% of them) the stamps are not defaced; what is the extent of such letters;-whether it is also a fact that taking advantage of this position used stamps are reused on a mass scale in Metropolitan Cities like Bombay; and

(c) whether it is a fact that 40% of the letters do not have the delivery stamps, indicating the date and time and in cases where there is a delivery stamp it is not legible in a number of cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Postal Marks are generally legible. Providing clear and legible Postal Marks is a continuous endeavour on the part of Department of Post, which is done through regular cleaning and maintenance of the stamps and regular monitoring. In order to improve the quality of hand cancellers, production of hand cancellers through advanced mechanised process is being done' by